

On motion of Mr. Hopewell, the house was called, and the door-keeper sent for the absent members.

On motion of Mr. Matthias, the house resolved to proceed with the ordinary business of the session during the absence of the door-keeper.

The Clerk of the Senate returned the bill, entitled, an act to make valid a certain instrument of writing therein named, and for other purposes; endorsed 'will pass,' ordered to be engrossed,

Also, the preamble and resolutions relating to the survey of the navigable rivers immediately above Watkins Point and of so much of Tangier Sound, &c.

Also, the resolution in favor of Nathan Riley, of Allegany county, severally endorsed 'assented to,' and severally ordered to be engrossed,

Also, the resolution granting the use of the Library to certain persons therein named, endorsed 'assented to with the proposed amendment,'

Which amendment was read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

And delivered the following message,

By the Senate,

February 6th, 1837.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates,

We have received your message proposing to go into the election of a Register of Wills for Carroll county, on the 16th inst. and believing the day named too distant, propose with the concurrence of your honorable body, to go into the election of that officer on Thursday, the 9th inst. at 12 o'clock, A. M.

By order,

Jos. H. Nicholson, Clk.

Which was read.

Mr. Bowlus, chairman of the select committee to which was referred the bill from the senate, entitled, an act to authorise and direct the Levy Court of Frederick county, to levy a sum of money for the enlargement and repair of the Court-house in said county, reported the same with the following amendments,

Amendments proposed,

Strike out the words 'and directed' in the 2nd line of the first section, and insert these words, 'if in their discretion they deem it proper and expedient.'

Strike out from the word 'judgment' in the fourth line of first section, to the word 'for' in the fifth line of the 1st section, and insert these words 'of the said Levy Court.'